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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A vehicle suspension system comprising:
 - a stabilizer bar for a vehicle wheel;
 - at least one bushing positioned about said stabilizer bar including at least one passive structure, said at least one passive structure for interacting with said stabilizer bar to vary a level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar; and
 - said at least one passive structure having an outer layer of material positioned outwardly of an inner layer of material, said outer layer of material being substantially harder than said inner layer of material, said stabilizer bar for pressing into said outer layer of material as said stabilizer bar twists to increase said level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.

2-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein a mounting bracket is positioned over said at least one bushing for securing said stabilizer bar to a vehicle frame.

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11. (Original) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein said at least one bushing is made of rubber.

12. (Previously Presented) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein said at least one passive structure extends along a length of said at least one bushing.

13. (Previously Presented) A vehicle suspension system comprising:
a stabilizer bar connected to a vehicle wheel;
a vehicle frame;
at least one bushing made of rubber positioned about said stabilizer bar including at least one passive structure, said at least one passive structure extending along a length of said at least one bushing and for interacting with said stabilizer bar to vary a level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar, said stabilizer bar secured to said vehicle frame by a mounting bracket positioned over said at least one bushing; and
said at least one passive structure having an outer layer of material positioned outwardly of an inner layer of material, said outer layer of material being substantially harder than said inner layer of material, said stabilizer bar for pressing into said outer layer of material as said stabilizer bar twists to increase said level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.

14-21. (Cancelled)